

Taking Care of Mother Earth



Project Description:

The very first Native American Commandment states “The Earth is our Mother, care for her.” It has always been understood that Native people were and still are the first Environmentalists because they understood the importance of keeping nature in balance by not taking more than was needed, by respecting all living things and to enjoy life’s journey without leaving any footprints.

You are to choose an environmental issue that involves your tribal land OR another tribe and create a Power Point Presentation that includes the following information....

Title Slide:

- Your name
- Tribal Seal or Flag
- State Picture/Outline and name

Create a slide for each of the following roles in the scenario/issue and answer the questions associated with them.

Environmentalist:

- General description of the environmental impact for the area.
- Any long term effects.
- Picture of the area in question
- Include website(s) used to gather information in a “Footer” on the slide.

Reporter:

- What are the Pro’s regarding the environmental issue such as creation of jobs, accessibility of use, increased income, etc.....
- What are the Con’s regarding the environmental issue such as depletion, pollution, loss of biodiversity, etc....
- Picture(s) to illustrate point of view.
- Include website(s) used to gather information in a “Footer” on the slide.

Tribal Member:

- What is the history and cultural significance of the affected area? Is it sacred or used for ceremonial purposes or hunting grounds, etc.....?
- Does it violate a specific treaty? If yes identify when the treaty was established/signed and how it will be violated?
- Picture of the area in question
- Include website(s) used to gather information in a “Footer” on the slide.

What Would You Do? slide:

Write a 5 paragraph conclusion based on the information that you have gathered and researched and offer your opinion as to “What Would You Do?” Cite specific information in your conclusion that would either support or deny the progression of continuing forward with the environmental concern(s)/issue(s).